Cases of fake visa in Delhi

†4447. SHRI DEVI PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of dealing in fake visa came to notice in Delhi during the last one year and first four months of this year;

(b) the details of the action taken against the offenders involved in these cases; and

(c) the details of the steps being taken to unearth such types of rackets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) During the years 2001 and 2002 (upto 20th April, 2002), 192 fake visas were detected in Delhi and 245 persons were arrested in connection with these cases.

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to unearth such rackets include watch on the activities of persons having history of indulgence in such activities and sharing of information with other law enforcing agencies and the Governments of the neighbouring States regarding the activities of interstate gangs involved in such crimes.

Madarsas along international border

4448. SHRI B.P. SINGHAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a T.V. team "Aaj Tak" conducted a survey of madarsas and exposed a ring of madarsas along the international border of India in Gujarat, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jammu to Tripura;

(b) if so, whether the prior permission is required to open madarsas;

(c) if so, number of madarsas registered in border area;

(d) whether the nationality/citizenship of all teachers, staff, students as well as management are being verified by field verifications as least randomly; and

(e) if so, whether any random survey has been done in this connection and how many madarsas are operating without registration?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House.

Involvement of NGOs in setting up projects for rural electrification using solar energy

†4449. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to encourage those Non-Government Organization/Companies which are taking interest in setting up projects for rural electrification using solar energy;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received in this regard;

(c) whether Government or Government bodies have started rural electrification through solar energy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI M. KANNAPPAN): (a) to (d) The Ministry has initiated a programme during 2001-02 for electrification of remote and difficult villages, which are difficult to be electrified by conventional grid-extension, through renewable energy technologies like solar photovoltaics (SPV), biomass gasifiers and small hydro power (SHP). A majority of these villages are likely to be electrified trough solar energy. The programme provides for implementation through the State renewable energy development agencies, electricity boards, power departments, corporate entities set up by central or State governments, non-governmental organizations, panchayati raj institutions, co-operative societies and similar non-profit bodies. There is also a provision for giving a concession or license for electrification of a village or a cluster of villages to a corporate body or entrepreneur, who will bring a part of the investment and operate the project on a commercial basis. In all cases, arrangements are required to be made ror long term maintenance and servicing, as well as collection of monthly charges and other dues from the users.

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